

January 2020



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Spirituality, Equality and Justice: Nurtured in a Welcoming Catholic Community
DignityUSA envisions and works for a time when Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Catholics are affirmed and experience dignity through the integration of their spirituality with their sexuality, and as beloved persons of God participate fully in all aspects of life within the Church and Society.



*Wishing you and those you love a very
Healthy and Happy New Year!*

For Your Reference

Fiscal Year Budget Performance

Year-to-date Budgeted Liturgy Support	\$4,956
Year-to-date Actual Liturgy Support	\$5,825
Over/(Shortfall)	\$869.50

FY19 Year-to-Date Results

Kroger Community Rewards	\$44.82
Amazon Smile 	<u>\$49.63</u>

Total Community \$\$ received \$94.45

January

- 1st — Solemnity of Mary
- 5th — Feast of the Epiphany
- 12th — Baptism of the Lord
- 19th — 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Council Meeting at 4:30 in Gathering area; General Membership meeting Immediately after Mass.
- 26th — 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Membership Incentive Program Continues

The leadership team of Dignity Detroit instituted a Membership Incentive Program effective July, 2018. If you become a member or renew your membership in Dignity Detroit in any given month, you will become eligible to win a \$25.00 gift card. All names of new members or renewed members in a given month, that appear on the National Roster we receive around the 15th of the following month, will be put in a hat and one individual will be chosen. If you have been thinking of becoming a member or have simply forgotten to renew your membership, wait no longer. New and renewed memberships can be completed at <https://www.dignityusa.org/join>

Our Winner for October: Richard J.

“Church Chat” by Carolyn

Happy New Year!

Prayer for the New Year:

Let us now pray for God’s blessing in the new year.

Remember us, O God;

From age to age be our comforter.

You have given us the wonder of time,

Blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.

Bless your children at the turning of the year

And fill the months ahead with the bright hope

That is ours in the coming of Christ.

You are our God, living and reigning forever and ever,

Amen. (from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*)

Some of my Mercy Sister friends get together every New Year’s Eve. As midnight nears, they remember the events of the year just past, and, in anticipation of the year to come, ask for God’s blessing on their watches, phones, and calendars so that the time of the coming year will be blessed. A clean slate is always a sign of hope. We will try to avoid the mistakes of the past year, aim to make better habits like eating healthier food, getting exercise, praying daily. Maybe, like me, you want to seriously declutter your home, and finally get an up to date will and power of attorney. It all seems possible at the beginning of January.

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On January 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God. This is the most ancient liturgical celebration of Mary in the Church's calendar. The title, "Mother of God" was accorded Mary at the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD. January 5 is the Solemnity of the Epiphany. On this day we celebrate that Jesus is the Light for all people. The Baptism of Jesus is celebrated on January 12, after which the Christmas Season is officially over, and we are in Ordinary Time (time that is not part of a season) starting on January 13 until Ash Wednesday on February 26. Phew! 2020 is already flying by! We are thinking about Lent already. Do you have ideas about how as a community we can celebrate Lent this year? And can you help to make them happen? Let us know –

Carolyn



Capuchin Soup Kitchen

We will be continuing our volunteer efforts at the Soup Kitchen located at 4390 Conner in Detroit next month. **Our next date is Friday, January 3rd. (we will be resuming our normal 1st and 3rd Friday of each month) from 3:30—6:30.** If you can join us, please respond to Rich Heide (heiderm@udmercy.edu). Thanks!



Anniversary Theme Contest with a Twist

It is that time of year.....Our anniversary theme contest. We are changing things up a bit this year. We have a theme, and we still want those who wish to participate in the contest.

We have received permission from the kind folks at the *National Catholic Reporter* to use their theme to their recent fundraising campaign.

One Journey, Many Paths.

If you wish, submit your thoughts in a couple of paragraphs on what this theme means to you. **Make your submission by the end of January** and Council will review all submissions, pick a winner, and the individual who submits the winning rationale will receive two free tickets to our Anniversary Dinner Dance.

Get ready, set, go!!





Overnight Retreat

Maxis - IHM Spirituality Center will begin offering programs to help you with your spiritual journey.

On Friday, January 17 - Sunday January 19 will be an overnight retreat called, "***Discerning God's Call to Hope***". The retreat offers a restful, creative and prayerful space for discerning God's call. Retreatants will be given both personal and community times throughout the weekend.

The registration fee of \$200 (\$50 due at registration) will include; 2 night stay, food and program.

To register or for questions, call or email: maxiscenter@ihmsisters.org or 734-250-8314.

Merry Christmas,
MaxisIHM Spirituality Center
17380 GrangeRd
Riverview, MI 48193

Registration information on next page





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Discerning God's Call to Hope

With Candyce Rekart, IHM,
and Julie Vieira, IHM



Friday, Jan. 17, at 5 p.m.–Sunday, Jan. 19, at 1 p.m.

Maxis Spirituality Center • 17380 Grange Rd. • Riverview, MI 48193

Are you yearning for a new moment in your life? Do you feel called into discernment? Do you desire to respond more fully to God's invitation to be a person of hope?

The retreat offers a restful, creative and prayerful space for discerning God's call and will include personal and community time, prayer, input and engagement around discernment and opportunities for next steps to help retreatants to tap into their hearts' desires.

Candyce Rekart, IHM, is a spiritual director and the IHM Director of Inquirers and Candidates as well as working with women in recovery from drug and alcohol addictions. She holds master's degrees in education and in clinical psychology and has a passion for artistic expression, especially the bright and the bold.

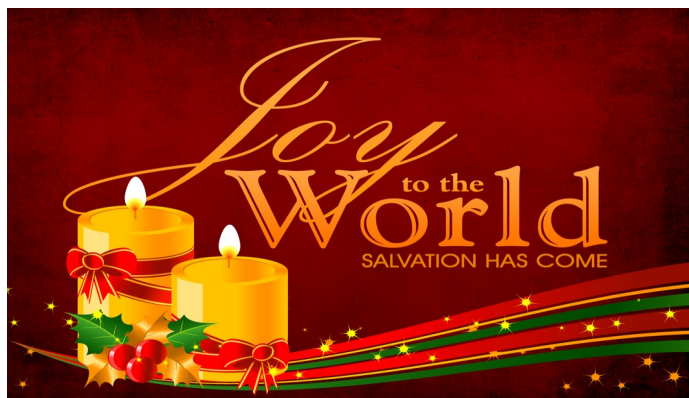
Julie Vieira, IHM, is a writer, presenter and spiritual guide and holds a Master of Arts in theology. She is particularly attentive to living the darkness and light — the poetry and rough prose — of everyday life with mindfulness and passion.

Registration Deadline: Jan. 3, 2020 (we are limited to 10 retreatants)

Suggested Offering: \$200, with \$50 due at registration (includes accommodations and meals; please indicate dietary needs at the time of registration)

To register, call **734-250-8314** or email maxiscenter@ihmsisters.org





Christmas Season Liturgy Schedule

Wednesday, January 1st
Solemnity of Mary
6 p.m.

Sunday, January 5th
Feast of the Epiphany
6 p.m.

Sunday, January 12th
Baptism of the Lord
6 p.m.



Pride Night Bowling

January 2nd

7 P.M.—Midnight

\$10.00

Let's Celebrate!

HAPPY HOLIDGAYS

WHEN: December 5th and January 2nd
Pride Night is the **FIRST Thursday** of **EVERY** Month. We'll see you there!

@ThunderbowlPRIDENIGHT 



Two Ways to HELP Dignity Detroit without spending any more \$\$\$\$....



- Register your Kroger Plus card at:
⇒ www.krogercommunityrewards.com
- If you don't have a Kroger Plus card—you can sign up for one at any location's customer service counter.
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- Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
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Dignity Detroit meets every Sunday evening at 6:00pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel at the School at Marygrove.

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**Please join us!
All Are Welcome!**

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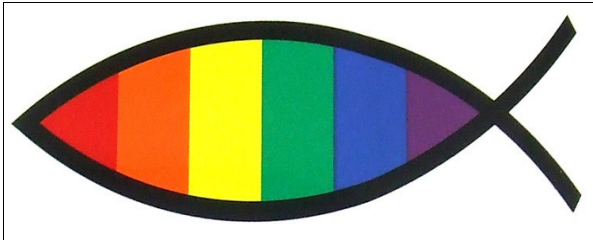
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SAVE THE DATES:

Dignity Detroit 46th Anniversary Celebration

**Dinner Dance:
Saturday, May 16, 2020**

**Anniversary Liturgy:
Sunday, May 17, 2020**

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